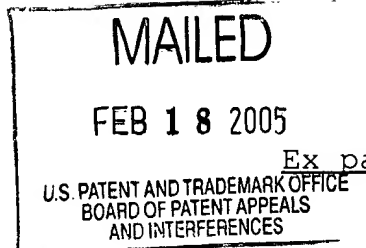


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COMMUNICATION

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On August 23, 2004, the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (hereinafter the "Board") mailed an Order Returning Undocketed Appeal to Examiner (Paper No. 20) wherein the Board ordered the examiner to take corrective action regarding the regarding the appeals conference.

This application was returned to the Board on January 24, 2005. A review of this application reveals that the examiner has furnished a copy of the Examiner's Answer mailed on September 23, 2002 (Paper No. 17), which now contains the initials of all conferees.

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This application is now ready for appeal and will be assigned to a merits panel who will then decide the appeal and render a decision in due course.

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